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Seattle pharmacy suspended for several pharmacy standards violations

OLYMPIA — Charges of failing to meet health and safety standards has led state health officials to immediately suspend the license of King Pharmacy of Seattle. The state Board of Pharmacy and the state Department of Health took the action, called a summary suspension, against the license of King Pharmacy at 1200 South Jackson St., Suite 2.

This action means King Pharmacy cannot operate as a pharmacy pending further disciplinary proceedings. The pharmacy has 20 days to request a hearing and respond to the charges.

The statement of charges says King Pharmacy failed inspections in December 2008 and January 2009. The inspections showed many substandard conditions — failing to record patient allergies or chronic conditions, improper labeling and storage conditions for drugs, expired drugs, rodent droppings and standing water in the facility, and substandard records of controlled substances.

The legal documents in this case are available by clicking the link to “Provider Credential Search” on the [agency home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov) or by calling 360-236-4700. Anyone who believes a pharmacist or other health care provider acted unprofessionally or encounters dangerous conditions in a pharmacy is asked to call that number to report their complaint.

The Board of Pharmacy regulates pharmacists and pharmacies in Washington. The program establishes, monitors, and enforces qualifications for licensing, consistent standards of practice, continuing competency mechanisms, and discipline. Rules, policies, and procedures promote the delivery of quality health care to state residents.

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